### **CHAPTER NO. 535**

#### **SENATE BILL NO. 2275**

# By McNally

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2404

# By Ronnie Davis

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-511, relative to the preferred list for reemployment.

# BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-511(b), is amended by adding the following subdivision:

- (4) The right to remain on the preferred list for employment shall remain in effect until:
  - (A) The teacher refuses a bona fide offer of reemployment for a comparable position within the local education agency; or
  - (B) The director, after the teacher has been on the preferred list for reemployment for two (2) consecutive years, notifies the teacher in writing by April 1 of the second consecutive year that the teacher's name will be removed from the list. A written notification to the teacher's last known address shall meet the requirements of such notification. The teacher receiving such notification shall retain the right to stay on the preferred list for reemployment by notifying the director of schools in writing by April 15 of each subsequent year of his or her desire to stay on the preferred list for reemployment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: March 18, 2002** 

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2002

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER DUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES